

# Kentucky Labor Cabinet

## Minimum Wage Increase Reminder

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### **Kentucky's minimum wage rate will increase July 1**

***Increase comes ahead of federally mandated hike***

FRANKFORT, KY – (June 30, 2009) – Workers in Kentucky who are currently paid at a minimum wage of \$6.55 per hour will see an increase in their paychecks after July 1. That is when the state's minimum wage rate increases to \$7.25 an hour. Although the federal minimum wage mandated increase doesn't become effective until July 24, 2009, the Kentucky General Assembly voted to have the wage hike take effect earlier.

The Kentucky Labor Cabinet, Division of Employment Standards, Apprenticeship and Mediation has received a number of inquiries regarding the upcoming change in minimum wage because of the two effective dates. The later date is the federal deadline for all states to comply with the new minimum wage rate.

"This increase is significant for many Kentucky workers who, like others, have been struggling during these difficult economic times," said Kentucky Labor Secretary J.R. Gray.

The minimum wage rate for tipped employees will remain at \$2.13 per hour.

Questions regarding the minimum wage increase may be directed to the Kentucky Labor Cabinet, Division of Employment Standards, Apprenticeship and Mediation at [labor.desam@ky.gov](mailto:labor.desam@ky.gov) or at 502-564-3534.

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